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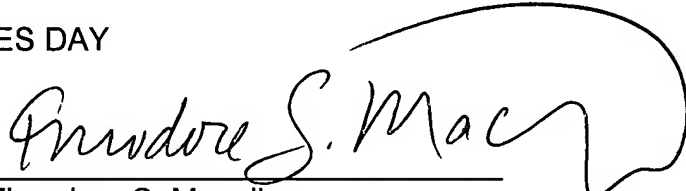
Applicant has cancelled the originally-filed claims 1-14, and replaced them with new claims 15-34, attached as Exhibit A. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Entry of the above-identified amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited items of record disclose or suggest the subject matter claimed by pending claims 15-34. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is requested. If the Examiner believes a Notice of Allowance is not forthcoming, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (213) 489-3939.

Respectfully submitted,

JONES DAY

Dated: August 15, 2003

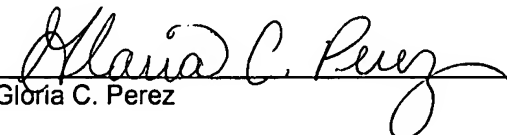
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